(vii) Providing telex connection on demand.

(viii) Introduce new services like FAX etc.

In 8th Five Year Plan, however, depending upon the plan outlay and equipment availability.

Unloading and bagging machine at Nhavasheva port

3352. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an automatic unloading and bagging machine at Nhavasheva Port in Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that jute bags cannot be handled for bagging in this machine.

(c) whether it is a fact that due to this machine an indigenous labour oriented industry like jute is being affected and as such the machines should be redesigned immediately, so that it can handle jute bags; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Bagging and Stitching machine at the Port can handle jute bags of specified quality. No modification of the plant is necessary as it can handle indigenous jute bags of the specified quality.

Upgrading the official level talks between India and Pakistan

3353. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction on the plea of the Pakistani caretaker Premier Mr. Gulam Mustafa Jatai to consider upgrading the current official level talks between the two countries;

(b) what is Government's reaction to the charge made by the Pakistan Premier in his Independence Day address that Indian troops were being assembled on its borders; and

(c) whether the Pakistan Premier has also stated that Pakistan would continue to help extremists for self determination, if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Government believe that more upgradation of talks will not help. Pakistan must in the first instance stop its support to terrorism and subversion in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir and create conditions in which meaningful discussions can take place for normalisation of relations.

(b) Government have explained to Pakistan that troop deployments are mere symptoms while the root cause of the present tensions is Pakistan's support to terrorism directed against Indian.

(c) Contrary to facts, Pakistan claims that it is not involved in terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.

Escape by undertrials from a Jail van in east Delhi

3354. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven undertrials made a sensational escape from a moving jail van in East Delhi, on 10th August, 1990, as they were being transported

from Tihar Jail to Shahdra District Courts;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents and the action taken in the matter;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the conditions in which the undertrials are kept in the jail to ascertain if ill-treatment of under-trials, and inordinate delay in determining the cases for minor offences lead to such attempts to escape; if so, with what results; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 10-8-90, 56 undertrials were being transported from Central Jail, Tihar to Shahdra Courts. On the way, 7 accused succeeded in escaping from the jail van by breaking the metal sheet and wooden plan on the floor of the van. 6 accused have since been apprehended. The Police Guards posted in the jail van have been placed under suspension for their negligence.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The following preventive measures have been taken to check recurrence of such incidents:—

(1) The staff has been directed to check the vehicles thoroughly.

(2) The floor of the jail vans, wherever required, have been repaired.

(3) The police as well as jail staff has been directed to remain alert and vigilant during the transportation of under-trials.

Proposal for upgradation of All India Radio station in Andhra Pradesh

3355. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for upgradation of any All India Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be upgraded; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The likely date of completion of schemes and funds allocated are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Cost	Date of completion
1. Upgradation of existing 1 KW MW Transmitter to 3x2 KW FM at Hyderabad	81·80	1990-91
2. Upgradation of existing 10 KW SW Transmitter to 50 KW SW Transmitter at Hyderabad	348.35	1991-92
3. Conversion of old studios at Hyderabad to upgraded type IV(R) studios	235·00	1992-93